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SUBJECT: CZECH COMMENTS ABOUT IRAN'S PRESIDENT NOT
ATTENDING THE AFRICAN UNION SUMMIT

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(SBU) Czech MFA Department of Sub-Saharan Africa officer Zdenak Beranek informed emboff that Czech Ambassador Dusan Strauch was attending the July 1-3 African Union Summit. Beranek noted that the EU had discussed and agreed on how its member states would handle the potential participation of Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmedi-Nejad at this summit. According to Beranek, the EU member state participants planned to leave the ceremony if Ahmedi-Nejad spoke to attack Western governments or deny the Holocaust. From the perspective of the EU, this is no longer a concern since the EU was informed the morning of July 1 that Ahmedi-Nejad would not be attending this Summit.

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